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SUBJECT: SUGAR -- ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS FOR FORTHCOMING
ISA NEGOTIATIONS

REFERENCE: LONDON 4600

1. LONDON REPS OF INTERNATIONAL SUGAR ORGANIZATION (ISO) MEMBERS AND OTHERS, INCLUDING THE U.S. AND EEC, INTERESTED IN THE SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS SCHEDULED FOR GENEVA, APRIL 18 - MAY 27, MET ON MARCH 14 AND 21 TO DISCUSS THE CHAIRMANSHIP, STRUCTURE, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS RELATING TO THE NEGOTIATIONS, WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:
A) CHAIRMANSHIP - AT THE MARCH 14 MEETING ALL EXPORTERS (INCLUDING THE EEC) EXCEPT AUSTRALIA AND MAURITIUS SUPPORTED THE CANDIDACY OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JONES-PARRY. THE LATTER TWO COUNTRIES WITH THE SUPPORT OF MOST CONSUMERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE EAST EUROPEANS, FAVORED THE TANDEM-CHAIRMANSHIP PLAN HEADED BY LORD CAMPBELL WITH JONES-PARRY AS DEPUTY. PRIOR TO THE MARCH 21 MEETING LORD CAMPBELL ANNOUNCED HIS WITHDRAWAL FROM CONTENTION WITH THE RESULT THAT AT THE MARCH 21 MEETING UNANIMOUS PREFERENCE WAS EXPRESSED FOR JONES-PARRY.
B) VICE CHAIRMAN - THE MARCH 21 MEETING AGREED THAT
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THE SAME PROCEDURE FOLLOWED IN 1973 SHOULD BE USED, I.E., THAT A CONSUMER AND A PRODUCER VICE CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE ELECTED WHO IN TURN WOULD SPEAK FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUPS.
C) COMMITTEE STRUCTURE - EXPORTERS FELT THE 1973 MODEL SHOULD BE FOLLOWED FOR MAJOR COMMITTEES AS FOLLOWS:
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, I.E., A PLENARY COMMITTEE MATCHING THE CONFERENCE PLENARY.
THREE COMMITTEES REPORTED IN 1973 TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:
COMMITTEE NO. 1 -- ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE NO. 2 -- ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE NO. 3 -- STATISTICAL COMMITTEE
IN ADDITION THERE WAS, OF COURSE, A CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WHICH REPORTED DIRECTLY TO THE CONFERENCE

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR PARA CORRECTION

PLENARY RATHER THAN THROUGH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. CONSUMERS ADOPTED A CANADIAN SUGGESTION THAT THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE BE MERGED WITH THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, POSSIBLY FORMING A WORKING GROUP OF THE LATTER. RATIONALE FOR THIS SUGGESTION WAS STREAM-LINING, TO MAKE THE STATISTICAL BODY MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND TO AVOID OVERLAPPING IN COMPETITION FOR SUBSTANCE. IN 1973 THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH DETERMINING THE SIZE OF THE FREE MARKET, I.E., THE "SIZE OF THE PIE". (THE CANADIANS INFORMALLY MAIN-TAINED THAT THE 1973 STATISTICAL COMMITTEE BECAME INVOLVED NOT ONLY IN DETERMINING THE SIZE OF THE PIE BUT HOW IT SHOULD BE CUT).

2. USREP IN SUPPORTING CONSUMER POSITION ON COMMITTEE STRUCTURE NOTED IMPORTANT THING WAS THAT GENEVA SHOULD BE A WORKING CONFERENCE WITH FLEXIBILITY TO FOCUS ON THE ISSUES OF 1977 RATHER THAN GETTING HUNG-UP ON PROCEDURES INHERITED FROM PAST NEGOTIATIONS. USREP AGREED, HOWEVER, THE CONSUMER PROPOSAL SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A "MAJOR ISSUE" AND SUPPORTED AN ARGENTINE SUGGESTION THAT
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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE COULD BE WORKED OUT IN CONSULTATION.

3. BOTH EXPORTERS AND IMPORTERS AGREED THAT NO ATTEMPTS SHOULD BE MADE TO ESTABLISH WORKING GROUPS PRIOR TO GENEVA BUT THAT THESE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AS NEEDED ON AN AD HOC BASIS.

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